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1. Cong. Judd will come to CIA for debriefing on his recent trip to the Far East at 0900, Saturday, 23 January, following his return from Minnesota. Gen. Balmer and Mr. [] (for DD/I) have been informed. Cong. Judd informed me that he was concerned about reports which he received on his trip and elsewhere which tended to be derogatory of CIA. He pointed out that this was natural in view of our security problems and the fact that comparatively few people knew about us. He stated that it would be very helpful if CIA had a Joint Committee on Intelligence whose members could come to our defense where necessary, indicating that they had looked into specific complaints and situations as was done in the case of the Atomic Energy Commission. I told Dr. Judd that these complaints were also of concern to us and that some bills had been introduced for a Joint Committee, of which he was unaware. He wishes to discuss this matter with the DCI in the course of the debriefing as he felt that the remarks tended to damage the Agency.

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3. In reply to his request of 7 January, I have informed Mr. Kinnelly, of the staff of the Brownson Subcommittee, of the House Committee on Government Operations, that []

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informed Mr. Kinnelly that CIA did not normally make security investigations on American citizens abroad.

4. In connection with the request of the Bureau of the Budget for CIA comments on H.R. 6819, a bill to establish a Telecommunications Policy Committee, I discussed the matter with AD/Commo and [] [] I then informed Mr. James W. Clark, of the Bureau of the Budget, that while the CIA interest in this bill was tangential, we would tend to support the position outlined in the letter from Arthur Flemming, Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization, opposing the bill as unnecessary in the light of the President's activities in this field. However, our views are for the Bureau of the Budget only and will not be included in their report to Congress.

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5. [] AD/Commo, states that Mr. Flemming, Director of Defense Mobilization, has requested support for FCC appropriation for certain monitoring which the FCC is to undertake. As the CIA interest is not a primary one, I have concurred in [] view that we should not get involved in Congressional testimony in this matter if it can be avoided.

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